

REMARKS

On pages 3 and 4 of the Official Action, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-25, 27-30, 34, 35, and 36 have been provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of Applicant's co-pending Application No. 10/052,601.

The Patent Office requested that Applicants file a terminal disclaimer. However, the Examiner's rejection is only a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection. As U.S. Application No. 10/052,601 is still pending, and as there are no pending non-provisional rejections as to the elected claims, no terminal disclaimer is necessary or appropriate in this application. If allowable subject matter is found in Application No. 10/052,601 and if the Examiner in that case were to consider an obviousness-type double patenting rejection to be appropriate, Applicants will consider a terminal disclaimer in that case at that time.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions with regard to the foregoing, he should feel free to contact the undersigned, at his convenience, at (908) 654-5000. Furthermore, should any fee be due and owing in this regard, the Examiner should charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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